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DIELECTRIC FORMATION

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2002, please enter the following response:

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the present Application.

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,316,345 B1 ("Shields"). The Examiner also rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in light of Shields in view of U.S. Patent No.

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